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Title: CRYSTALLINE POROUS SOLIDS, PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Although the claims of the above application were amended under Article 34 during the International Phase, applicants respectfully request that examination be based on the claims as originally filed and this Preliminary Amendment is based thereon.

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the fluid mixture has an essentially eutectic composition.
4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the second phase is removed in step (iii) by means of solvent extraction.
5. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the second phase is a substance which is soluble in aqueous media.
6. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the first phase is a water-insoluble salt.